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SUBJECT: NORDENFALK CALL ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY KATZ

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1) SWEDISH UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE NORDENFALK, ACCOMPANIED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL LILLIEHOOK AND AMBASSADOR WACHMEISTER, CALLED ON EB ASSISTANT SECRETARY KATZ MARCH 28.

2) ON BILATERAL ISSUES, NORDENFALK BRIEFLY DISCUSSED SWEDISH RESTRICTIONS ON SHOE IMPORTS, THEIR CONCERNS OVER US SPECIALTY STEEL QUOTAS, THE PROPOSAL FOR US SHIP CARGO PREFERENCE, AND THE QUESTION OF AMERICAN ANTITRUST JURISDICTION EXTENDING INTO OTHER COUNTRIES. ON LATTER ISSUE, KATZ SAID THAT IF FOREIGN SHIPPING LINES HAVE AGREED TO DISCRIMINATE BETWEEN CARGO TO AND FROM US, OUR INTERESTS ARE DIRECTLY AFFECTED. KATZ SAID WE WERE CONCERNED WHEN SWEDEN RESTRICTED SHOE
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IMPORTS BECAUSE THAT CONTRIBUTES TO WORLD PROTECTIONIST PRESSURE. ANSWER IN SUCH CASES IS NOT TO RESTRICT IMPORTS, BUT TO STIMULATE REVIVAL OF WORLD ECONOMY. NORDENFALK AGREED AND SAID SWEDES APPRECIATE US EFFORTS TO STIMULATE ITS ECONOMY.

3) NORDENFALK SAID THAT IN CIEC SWEDES ARE ADVOCATING

VARIOUS STIMULATIVE MEASURES INCLUDING DEBT MORATORIUM.
SWEDES ON MORAL GROUNDS ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED
FOR LEAST DEVELOPED. KATZ SAID WE HAVE PROBLEM WITH
INDIRECT AND AUTOMATIC METHODS OF RESOURCE TRANSFER.
DEBT MORATORIUMS ARE INEFFICIENT DEVICE FOR RESOURCE
TRANSFER AND GIVE UNEVEN RESULTS. WE FAVOR INCREAS-
ING DIRECT AID. OUR AID IS ALREADY GEARED TO POOREST
COUNTRIES; FOR EXAMPLE, BY LAW 75 PERCENT OF US FOOD
AID MUST GO TO THE POOREST. NORDENFALK SAID THAT ON
COMMODITIES, SWEDEN HAS A PROPOSAL FOR A GLOBAL
STABEX WHICH CONFORMS TO US IDEA OF NOT INTERFERRING
IN MARKETS.
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